



2015 DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND GUAM BAR ANNUAL MEETING PRESENTERS' BIOGRAPHIES

THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH BARRETT-ANDERSON **Attorney General of Guam**



Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson is a former Senator and retired Superior Court of Guam Judge, and is currently serving her second tenure as Attorney General of Guam. Ms. Barrett-Anderson graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam in 1971. She graduated from the University of San Francisco in 1974, and received her law degree from the University of Santa Clara School of Law in 1979. She is the first Chamorro female attorney to be admitted to practice law on Guam.

Upon returning to Guam she clerked for the Superior Court of Guam, and from 1981 to 1984, she served as legal counsel to the Department of Education. She entered private practice in 1984 with the law firm of Arriola & Cowan as an associate, and in 1987, Governor Joseph F. Ada nominated Ms. Barrett-Anderson as Attorney General of Guam. She served as the Attorney General from 1987 to 1994, the longest serving Attorney General.

During her first tenure as Attorney General, Ms. Barrett-Anderson established the Family Division to strengthen the Territory's Child Support Enforcement program, direct attention to the needs of abused children, and address a growing juvenile problem. She was also instrumental in the enactment of the Consumer Protection Law in 1992, and the modernization of Guam's Notary Public statute in 1993. She was elected by Governor Joseph F. Ada as Director of the Year in 1991 in recognition of her innovative ideas and strengthening of the prosecutorial and civil divisions of the Attorney General's Office. She was also awarded the 1994 Achievement Award by the National Association of Notary Public for her modernization of Guam's Notary Laws.

She left her post as Attorney General in July 1994 to run for the Guam Legislature, and was elected to the 23rd and 24th Legislatures. She was subsequently nominated by Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez to become a judge of the Superior Court of Guam.

Judge Barrett-Anderson retired in April 2012, after fourteen years on the trial court bench and an aggregate thirty-three years of government service to the people of Guam. During her judicial tenure she was instrumental in the establishment of the first therapeutic court, the Juvenile Drug Court, in 2002, and served on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (2005-2007). She established the Family Violence Court based on a "One-Judge One-Family" docket consolidating all domestic violence criminal cases and petitions for protective orders before a single judge to promote efficiency. In addition to her work on the

Family Violence Court, she published the “Protective Order Bench Book,” a guide for judges handling domestic violence cases. She has been a strong advocate of the pro se process for victims of domestic violence.

The DWI Court was established in 2012 under Judge Barrett-Anderson’s leadership and is credited for streamlining the efficiency of drunk driving prosecution and the reduction in the number of drunk driving arrests on island. In its second year of operation the DWI Court received the O’Rourke Award by the National Highway Transportation & Safety Administration for its overall work in improving highway safety on Guam.

After her retirement from fourteen years as a trial court judge, Judge Barrett-Anderson continued to work as a Senior Judge Pro Tempore assigned to Traffic Court. In her first year on Traffic Court she was instrumental in decriminalizing traffic court fines, rewriting the Traffic Court Rules of Court, and assisting in the construction of a new Traffic Court Hearing Room. In addition to her pro tempore work, Judge Barrett-Anderson developed Guam’s first language access program, the Court Interpreter Registry Program, responsible for training dozens of courtroom interpreters in eighteen different languages to provide equal access to justice through interpreter services for indigent defendants and parents in juvenile and child support cases.

Attorney General Barrett-Anderson is the recipient of numerous local and national awards.

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL J. BORDALLO
Judge, Superior Court of Guam

Judge Michael Bordallo was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 1998. Judge Bordallo received a B.B.A. in 1983 and a J.D. in 1987 from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Bordallo served as an Assistant Attorney General representing Child Protective Services in Family Court and also worked in private practice for nine years.

Since joining the Superior Court in 1998, Judge Bordallo’s docket has consisted mainly of cases involving regulatory law, business law, and civil litigation. The nature of his caseload, and ultimately, of his numerous decisions and orders, is primarily commercial litigation and as such, have a direct effect on whether investors and business people may comfortably rely on the rule of law, predict their costs, and manage their risks accordingly.

In addition, Judge Bordallo has played an essential role in improving the internal workings of the Judiciary, by spearheading efforts to revive the Judicial Council, and to institute procedures for the random assignment of cases to all the judges. Judge Bordallo also took an interest in improving the legal resources available to the public and served as President of the Board of Trustees for the Law Library from 2000 through 2005. He believes in remaining part of the community and continues to be involved in the local soccer organization.



GEORGETTE BELLO CONCEPCION, ESQ.

Ms. Georgette Bello Concepcion started her solo practice, The Law Office of Georgette Bello Concepcion, in February 2011. Her practice includes corporate, civil (litigation), probate, employment and labor, administrative, and environmental law. She has represented several Government of Guam agencies and defendants in criminal matters. Ms. Bello Concepcion also served as an administrative hearings officer for the Guam Environmental Protection Agency.



She clerked for the Honorable Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson from August 2000 to October 2001 and then entered private practice. She clerked for the Honorable Michael J. Bordallo and the Honorable Arthur R. Barcinas in May 2004 through December 2005 before returning to private practice.

Prior to entering law school, Ms. Bello Concepcion worked for the Government of Guam's Department of Agriculture, Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources, as a biologist for five years. She worked in the Division's Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and Fisheries section, overseeing the freshwater program and reviewing numerous development projects, their impacts on the environment, and providing comments regarding Environmental Impact Assessments and Statements. Under the TAP, Ms. Bello Concepcion also worked with other local and federal agencies regarding the island's wetlands and the impacts of development.

While working as a Fisheries biologist on a full-time basis, Ms. Bello Concepcion earned a Master's Degree in Biology with an emphasis in freshwater from the renowned University of Guam Marine Lab under the direction of Dr. Steve Nelson in July 1997. Ten days after defending her thesis, Ms. Bello Concepcion relocated with her husband to Hawaii and started law school.

CYNTHIA V. ECUBE, ESQ. **President, Guam Bar Association**

Cynthia Villaflor Ecube was born in Manila, Republic of the Philippines. She is admitted to practice before the Superior Court and Supreme Court of Guam, the District Court of Guam, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She has served as the President of the Guam Bar Association and is a board member of both the Public Defender Services Corporation and the Board of Law Examiners.

Ms. Ecube has served on many committees: Committee on Discipline, District Court of Guam; Criminal Justice Association; Standing Committee, Criminal Justice Association; Committee on Selection of Federal Magistrate Judge; Committee on Selection of Federal Public Defender, District of Guam; and Sub-Committee on Proposed Revisions to Guam Rules of Civil Procedure for the Superior Court of Guam.

From 1990 to 1992, Ms. Ecube worked as an Assistant Attorney General on Guam. She then went on to practice in the private sector as a senior associate at Carbullido & Brooks, LLP



(formerly Carbullido Bordallo Brooks, LLP and Carbullido & Pipes, P.C.) from 1992 to 2000. Thereafter, she worked as an associate at Barcinas & Terlaje, P.C. from 2000 to 2003. She is now a solo practitioner.

Ms. Ecube obtained her B.A. from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis and her J.D. from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota.

MR. HARRY W. ELLIOTT, IV, ESQ.
Counsel, Joint Region Marianas

Mr. Harry Elliott currently serves as Counsel for Joint Region Marianas (JRM) in Guam, which provides executive level installation management support to all Department of Defense components and tenants through assigned regional installations on Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands and acts as the interface between the Navy and the civilian community. In this position, Mr. Elliott provides legal and business advice on the full spectrum of issues that face JRM.



Mr. Elliott began his professional career as Third Mate of an ocean going tanker, where he was responsible for the safe operation and navigation of a seven hundred foot long petroleum product tanker for American Heavy Lift Petroleum. In 2000, he joined the staff of U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm in Washington, D.C., as a Legislative Correspondent. In 2002, Mr. Elliott became the Congressional Liaison for Military Sealift Command (MSC). In this capacity, he administered MSC's congressional and legislative affairs program and was responsible for coordinating communication and interaction between senior Navy officials and members of Congress.

In 2006, Mr. Elliott began his legal career with the Department of the Navy's Office of General Counsel (OGC) as an Assistant Counsel for MSC. In this capacity, he provided comprehensive legal advice to MSC acquisition programs and represented MSC before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals in the litigation of contract disputes. In 2008, Mr. Elliott was selected to join the Department of Navy's Habeas Corpus Special Detail to assist the Department of Justice in defending the habeas corpus petitions of detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In 2010, he voluntarily deployed to Iraq as part of OGC's forward deployed civilian attorney program. As an attorney in the U.S. Forces Iraq Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Mr. Elliott provided legal counsel to Operational Commanders on a wide range of legal issues, including operational and international law, acquisition and fiscal law, maritime law, civilian personnel law, ethics, and standards of conduct. He worked closely with Iraqi government officials, representatives from other allied nations, and other U.S. government agencies to resolve a wide range of legal disputes. In addition, Mr. Elliott developed and executed the legal review of all aspects of base closure and realignment expansion as part of the responsible drawdown of forces in Iraq.

From 2011 until 2014, Mr. Elliott served as Counsel for the U. S. Navy Ship Repair Facility and Japan Regional Maintenance Center (SRF-JRMC), in Yokosuka, Japan.

Mr. Elliott was born and raised in Abilene, Texas. He graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1999 with a Bachelor's degree in Marine Transportation. He received his Juris Doctorate from the Catholic University of America in 2005 and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies with distinction, from the U.S. Naval War College in 2013.

Mr. Elliott is a Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve Component and a member of the Texas State Bar. In 2010, Mr. Elliott received the Navy Commendation Medal for his service as a civilian in Iraq.

RODNEY J. JACOB, ESQ.

Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee Member, District of Guam

Rodney J. Jacob is a partner in the law firm of Calvo Fisher & Jacob and past President of the Guam Bar Association (2005). Mr. Jacob has extensive experience representing commercial clients in complex cross-border litigation and mediation, with significant experience in conducting U.S. discovery in Japan. He is admitted to the bar in California, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and currently serves as the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee Member for the District of Guam.



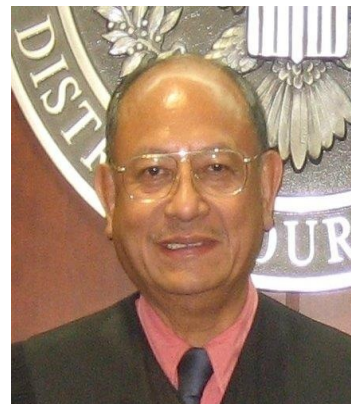
Mr. Jacob received his B.S. (1986) and J.D. (1989) from Georgetown University. He served as the law clerk to Judge Lawrence Howard, Arizona Court of Appeals (1989-1990) and to Chief Justice Jose Dela Cruz, CNMI Supreme Court (1993-1995). He grew up in Tucson, Arizona. For six years, he served as Guam's Law Week Committee Co-Chair, and during his tenure, Guam received the American Bar Association's Outstanding Law Day Activity Award for 2008, 2009, and 2012.

THE HONORABLE JOAQUIN V.E. MANIBUSAN, JR.

U.S. Magistrate Judge, District Court of Guam

Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. was appointed as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Guam on February 9, 2004. Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Manibusan served as a judge in the Superior Court of Guam. Judge Manibusan received his B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1971 and his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 1974.

Judge Manibusan is currently a member of the Magistrate Judge's Executive Board Committee of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He was reappointed to a second eight-year term by Chief Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood.



THE HONORABLE M. MARGARET McKEOWN
Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Judge McKeown was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton and was confirmed by the United States Senate in 1998. She attended the University of Madrid and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Wyoming with a B.A. in 1972 and from Georgetown University Law Center with a J.D. in 1975. She received an honorary doctorate from Georgetown University in 2005. Judge McKeown was a White House Fellow in 1980-1981, serving as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior and Special Assistant at the White House. In 1993, she served as a Japan Society Leadership Fellow.



Judge McKeown is President of the Federal Judges Association, on the board of the ABA Rule of Law Initiative, and chair of the ABA Latin America and Caribbean Council. She serves on the Judicial Advisory Board for the American Society of International Law, the managerial board of the International Association of Women Judges, and the Council of the American Law Institute. She is vice-chair of the Georgetown Law Board of Visitors and Jurist-in-Residence at the University of San Diego Law School.

Judge McKeown has lectured and taught extensively on ethics, judicial administration, international law, litigation, constitutional law, and intellectual property in Latin America, Asia, and Europe. She is co-author of “Trial Tactics in Trade Secret Litigation,” *Intellectual Property Counseling and Litigation* (Matthew Bender), “The Promises of a New World Information Order,” *The Knowledge Economy* (Aspen Institute), and “The Lost Sanctuary: Examining Sex Trafficking Through the Lens of Ah Sou” (Cornell Journal of International Law). She is also an author of *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts* (West Group).

Judge McKeown has received a number of prestigious awards, including the ABA Margaret Brent Women of Achievement Award, the Georgetown University John Carroll Award, the Georgetown University Law Center Outstanding Alumnae, the University of Wyoming A&S Outstanding Alumna, the Outstanding Mentor Award from Big Sisters, the Federal Bar Association Community Service Award, and the Girl Scouts’ “Cool Women” Award.

Judge McKeown has been active in community and civic affairs. She has served on the national boards of Volunteers of America and Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and is the past chair of the White House Fellows Foundation.

MR. PHILLIP J. TYDINGCO
Chief Prosecutor, Office of the Attorney General

Mr. Phillip J. Tydingco rejoined the Guam Office of the Attorney General in 2007 under former Attorney General Alicia G. Limtiaco where he served as Chief Prosecutor until 2009. He then served as Chief Deputy Attorney General between 2010 and 2014 under former Attorneys General John Weisenberger and Leonardo M.



Rapadas. In January 2015, the Honorable Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, Attorney General of Guam, appointed Mr. Tydingco as the Chief Prosecutor for the Prosecution Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Tydingco graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Tumon, Guam. He has a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology. Mr. Tydingco also has a Masters of Social Work and a J.D. Mr. Tydingco has been practicing law for nearly twenty-five years, working as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the City and County of Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Office; General Counsel/Legal Advisor for the Guam Police Department, Special Assistant Attorney General and Acting Chief Prosecutor (Guam Office of the Attorney General); Private Law Practice (Carbullido, Bordallo & Brooks LLP; Brooks Lynch Tydingco & Quan LLP); Supervising Attorney of the Alternate Public Defender Division (Guam Public Defender Service Corp.); and Assistant Attorney General/Senior Prosecutor for the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (Office of the Attorney General, Criminal Division). Mr. Tydingco has also served as an adjunct professor and instructor for the Guam Police Department Police Academy and Guam Community College, as well as conducted numerous trainings for law enforcement officers and prosecutors.

Prior to his legal career, Mr. Tydingco worked for eleven years in both Guam and Hawaii as a psychiatric social worker, CPS worker, probation officer, and mental health clinician and administrator.

THE HONORABLE FRANCES M. TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD
Chief Judge, District Court of Guam

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood is of Chamorro and Pohnpeian descent and her roots and ties to Guam run deep and strong. She obtained her B.A. degree in Political Science in 1980 at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1983, she obtained her J.D. degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. In 1984, she became the first Chamorro woman assistant attorney general on Guam, and served until 1988. Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood was an assistant prosecutor with the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office in Missouri from 1988 to 1990. In 1990, she returned home to become Guam's first Chamorro woman Chief Prosecutor and served in that capacity until 1994. In 1994, she was appointed to a trial judge position with the Superior Court of Guam. Her appointment and confirmation are a source of much pride for our island community; she is a daughter of Guam and its first Chamorro woman judge. From February 8, 2002 to October 27, 2006, she held the position of Associate Guam Supreme Court Justice. On October 30, 2006, she was sworn in as the Chief Judge of the District Court of Guam; she is Guam's first Chamorro woman federal chief judge. Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.



Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood is a member of three federal committees--the Conference of United States Chief District Judges, the Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges, and the Ninth Circuit's Pacific Islands Committee. She is also the Vice President of the Pacific

Judicial Council and a member of the Pacific Judicial Council's Education Committee.

Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood has lectured in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Japan, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Palau, the Solomon Islands, and the United States Virgin Islands on topics such as complex civil litigation, family violence, sexual assault, certification of a juvenile to adult status in a murder case, human trafficking, therapeutic re-entry drug courts, the "One Judge One Family" concept, alternative dispute resolution in the local and federal courts of Guam, intellectual property rights enforcement, and bankruptcy court.